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"The LIVING ROBOTS!"
EVEN SPACE RANGER IS NOW UNDER MY CONTROL! SOON, I SHALL BE KING OF THIS SOLAR SYSTEM!

WHAT'S WRONG *with* THESE PICTURES?

(ANSWERS IN LAST PANEL, UPSIDE DOWN)

ANSWERS:

1. SOMETHING IS ***VERY*** WRONG WHEN NOBODY GETS UP TO GIVE A SEAT TO AN OLD MAN, OR A WOMAN LOADED DOWN WITH PACKAGES!
2. TRAMPLING OVER FLOWERBEDS AND BUSHES SHOWS DISRESPECT FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY!
3. DARTING ACROSS A STREET FROM BETWEEN TWO CARS IS A HAZARD FOR BOTH PEDESTRIAN AND MOTORIST!
4. BEING A LITTERBUG DOESN'T HELP KEEP YOUR CITY CLEAN!
5. IT'S NOT ONLY RUDE TO CROWD AND PUSH---BUT DOWNRIGHT DANGEROUS!

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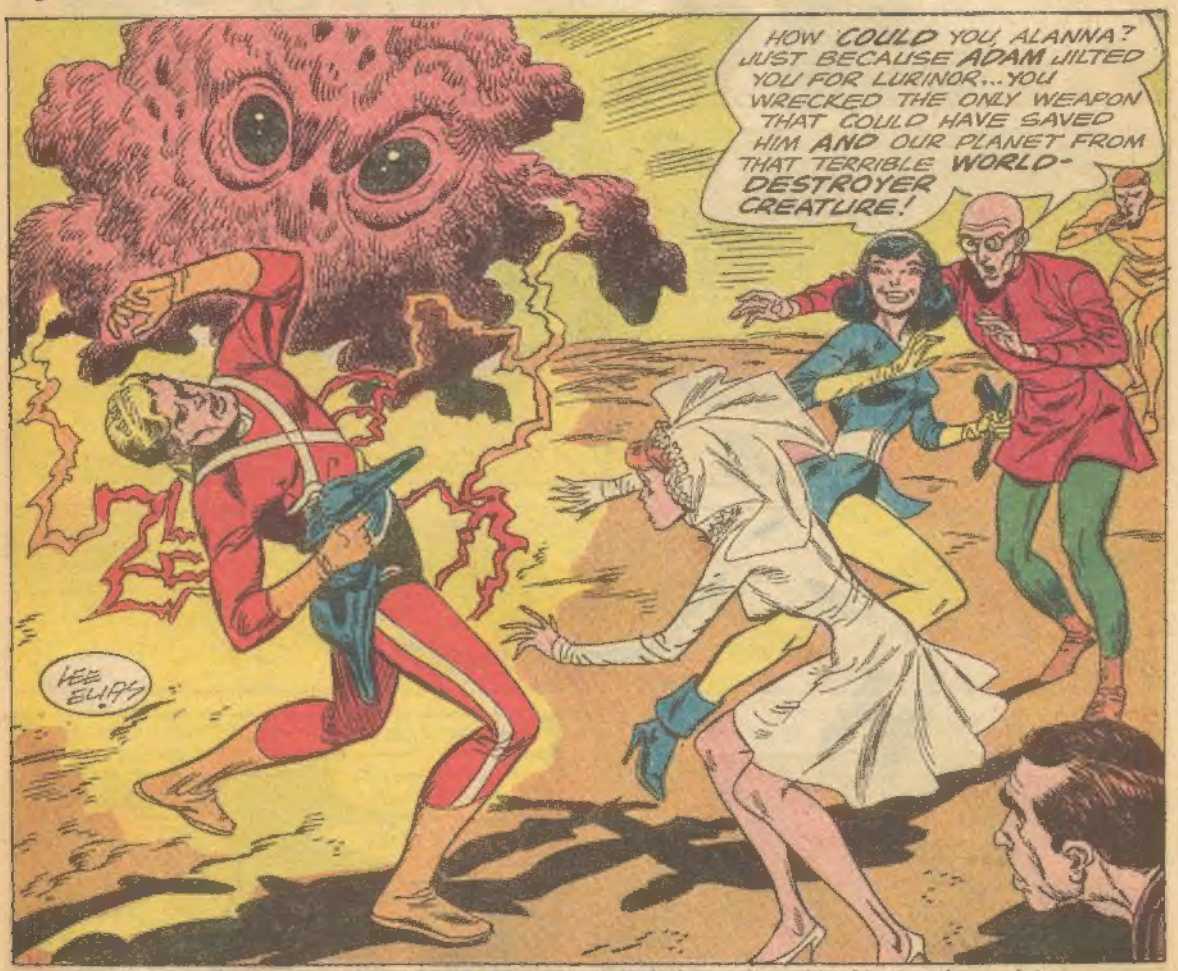
ADAM STRANGE

THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE ANYWHERE THAN THAT WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN ADAM STRANGE OF EARTH, AND ALANNA OF RANAGAR! OR SO IT SEEMED UNTIL THE STARTLING DAY WHEN THE BOND OF AFFECTION BETWEEN THESE TWO INTERSTELLAR SWEETHEARTS WAS SPLIT ASSUNDER, AND A COSMIC DOOM THREATENED RANN...

THE WORLD-DESTROYER FROM SPACE!


HOW COULD YOU, ALANNA? JUST BECAUSE ADAM JILTED YOU FOR LURINOR...YOU WRECKED THE ONLY WEAPON THAT COULD HAVE SAVED HIM AND OUR PLANET FROM THAT TERRIBLE WORLD-DESTROYER CREATURE!
HEE HEE

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AS SO OFTEN IN THE PAST, ADAM STRANGE IS TRANSPORTED 25 TRILLION MILES OF SPACE BY THE FANTASTIC ZETA-BEAM TOWARD THE PLANET RANN OF THE STAR-SUN ALPHA-CENTAURI...

AND AT HIS DESTINATION, A SPLIT-INSTANT AFTERWARD, WHERE ALANNA OF RANAGAR WAITS...

ADAM, DARLING! IT'S ONLY BEEN WEEKS SINCE OUR LAST MEETING, BUT IT SEEMED LIKE AN ETERNITY!

LET'S HURRY BACK HOME-- FATHER HAS A SURPRISE FOR YOU, ADAM!

I'LL RACE YOU, DARLING! I'LL USE MY AIR SCOOTER-- YOU CAN USE YOUR ROCKETS!

SHORTLY...

HA, HA, HA, I WIN!

SO YOU DID!

BUT YOU NEEDN'T RUB IT IN! YOU'RE A BAD SPORT!

IT WAS ONLY A RACE!

HE'S ANGRY WITH ME!

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THERE'S MORE OF THEM... LET'S GO AND SEE!
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PRESENTLY, IN THE LABORATORY OF ALANNA'S FATHER, SARDATH---
WELCOME BACK, ADAM! THERE'LL BE A SPECIAL CELEBRATION TONIGHT! ALL RANN WANTS TO HONOR YOU FOR THE MANY TIMES YOU'VE CHAMPIONED OUR WORLD!
OH?... VERY WELL!
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ADAM? HE'S SO QUIET AND WITHDRAWN...
I WISH I KNEW, DAD! MAYBE SOME EARTH PROBLEMS ARE STILL ON HIS MIND!
THAT EVENING, AT THE SQUARE OF HEROES...
AND NOW, A FEW WORDS FROM THE EARTHLING ALL RANN RESPECTS AND ACCLAIMS -- ADAM STRANGE!
NO COMMENT... DEMONSTRATIONS OF THIS SORT BORE ME!
HAIL, ADAM STRANGE, OUR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS!
THEN AS AN EMBARRASSED HUSH REPLACES THE GAIETY...
ER... LET'S HAVE SOME MUSIC!
HOW COULD ADAM BE SO RUDE? I'LL TRY TO OVERLOOK IT!
SHALL WE DANCE?
NO!
MAY I...? YOU'RE THE PRETTIEST GIRL HERE! PLEASE TELL ME YOUR NAME!
I'M -- LURINOR! I'D BE THRILLED TO DANCE WITH YOU, ADAM!
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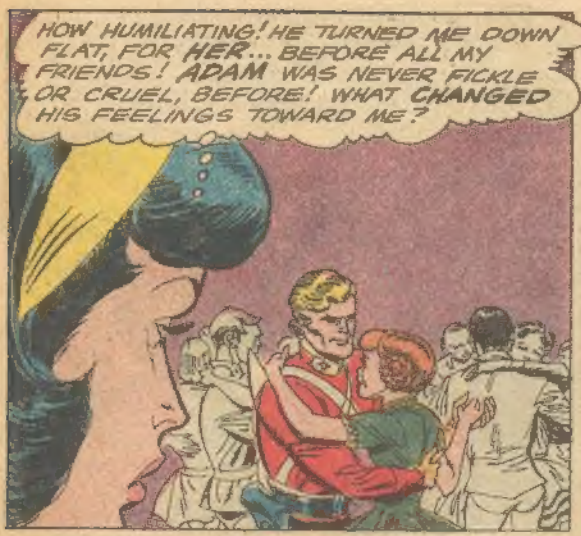
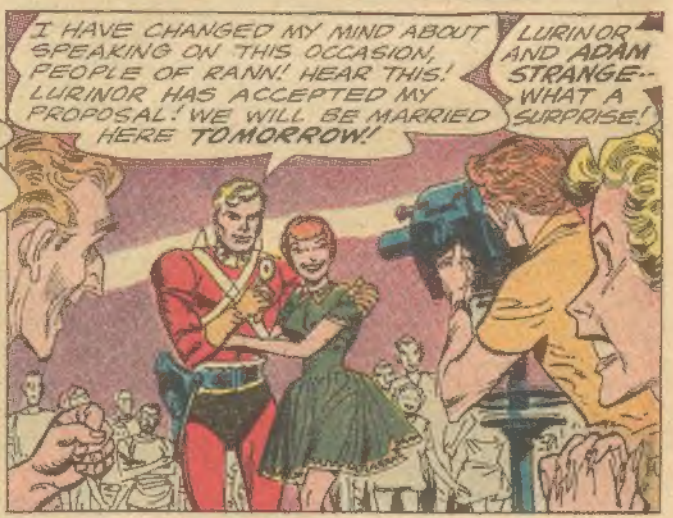

HOW HUMILIATING! HE TURNED ME DOWN FLAT, FOR HER... BEFORE ALL MY FRIENDS! ADAM WAS NEVER FICKLE OR CRUEL, BEFORE! WHAT CHANGED HIS FEELINGS TOWARD ME?

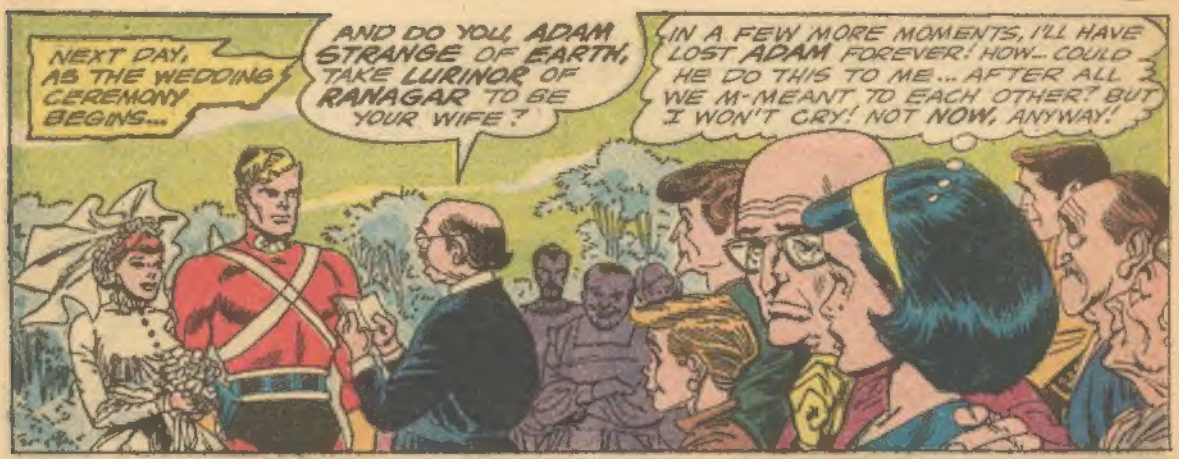
I'VE ENVIED ALANNA SO MUCH FOR HAVING THE MIGHTIEST WARRIOR OF TWO WORLDS FOR A SWEETHEART! MAY I CONFESS I... I'VE ALWAYS HERO-WORSHIPPED YOU!
FORGET ALANNA! SHE BELONGS TO MY PAST! YOU, WHO ARE INFINITELY MORE FASCINATING, BELONG TO MY FUTURE!

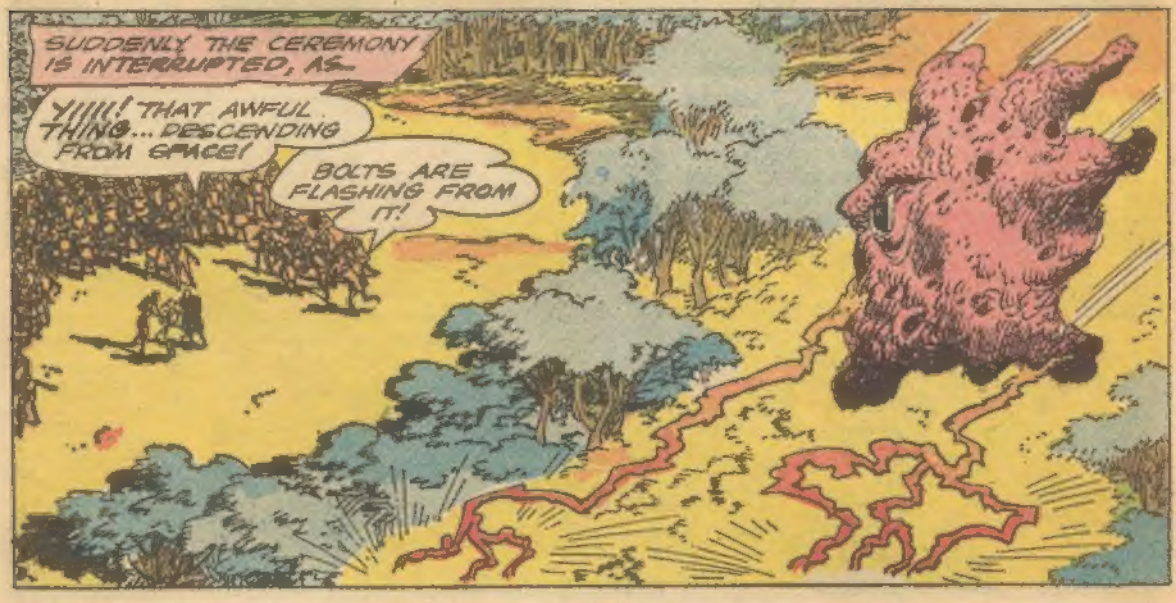
I KNOW YOU'LL THINK THIS IMPULSIVE, BUT I'M A MAN OF ACTION! I KNOW WHAT I WANT! BECOME MY WIFE, LURINOR! RIGHT AWAY!
ANY GIRL WOULD BE MAD TO REFUSE YOU! I ACCEPT, ADAM!


I HAVE CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT SPEAKING ON THIS OCCASION, PEOPLE OF RANN! HEAR THIS! LURINOR HAS ACCEPTED MY PROPOSAL! WE WILL BE MARRIED HERE TOMORROW!
LURINOR AND ADAM STRANGE-- WHAT A SURPRISE!

BUT AS RANN'S GREATEST HERO IS DELUGED WITH CONGRATULATIONS...
OH, NO! NO!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! IT'S YOU HE HAS ALWAYS LOVED! HE WAS ONLY WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN WE COULD FIND THE MEANS TO KEEP HIM HERE PERMANENTLY!

HE MUST HAVE LOST HIS MIND! BUT WHEN HE REGAINS HIS SENSES...
I WOULDN'T MARRY THAT HEEL NOW, IF HE BEGGED ME! LURINOR IS WELCOME TO ADAM! I HATE HIM!


NEXT DAY, AS THE WEDDING CEREMONY BEGINS...
AND DO YOU, ADAM STRANGE OF EARTH, TAKE LURINOR OF RANAGAR TO BE YOUR WIFE?
IN A FEW MORE MOMENTS, I'LL HAVE LOST ADAM FOREVER! HOW... COULD HE DO THIS TO ME... AFTER ALL WE M-MEANT TO EACH OTHER? BUT I WON'T CRY! NOT NOW, ANYWAY!


SUDDENLY THE CEREMONY IS INTERRUPTED, AS...
YIIII! THAT AWFUL THING... DESCENDING FROM SPACE!
BOLTS ARE FLASHING FROM IT!

I RECOGNIZE IT SARDATH! IT PERFECTLY FITS THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LEGENDARY MONSTER--THE WORLD-DESTROYER CREATURE! IT'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE EXPLODED THE PLANET GOZ, EONS AGO!

IT CAN POSSESS ILLIMITABLE POWER! IT FIRST SEEKS OUT THE RARE MINERAL ZYMIUM! AFTER DRAWING SUFFICIENT POWER-EMANATIONS FROM THAT MINERAL...
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"...IT BECOMES MIGHTY ENOUGH TO BLAST APART AN ENTIRE PLANET! THEN IT ABSORBS TITANIC ENERGY FROM THE AWESOME BLAST TO ENABLE IT TO BE HYPER-POWERFUL FOR ADDITIONAL EONS--UNTIL ITS STRENGTH WANES, WHEN IT REPEATS THE PROCESS..."
SINCE ITS BOLTS ARE RELATIVELY WEAK NOW, IT MUST BE SEARCHING FOR ZYMIUM, WHICH DOES EXIST ON RANN! IF THE CREATURE FINDS IT, RANN WILL SUFFER THE SAME FATE THAT DESTROYED GOZ!
LOOK OUT, ADAM -- IT'S HEADED TOWARD US!
YOUR RAY-BLASTER WON'T HARM THE CREATURE! IF ANYTHING, IT'S MAKING IT STRONGER!
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS ARE USELESS AGAINST IT! COME ON, SARDATH! TO YOUR LAB... QUICK, BEFORE IT CAN STOP US!
YOU'RE YOUR OLD DYNAMIC SELF, AGAIN!
BUT ADAM'S LOVE FOR ME IS STILL... DEAD!
SHORTLY...
DO YOU HAVE A LARGE REPULSOR-RAY MACHINE, SARDATH?
YES... I'LL GET IT RIGHT AWAY!
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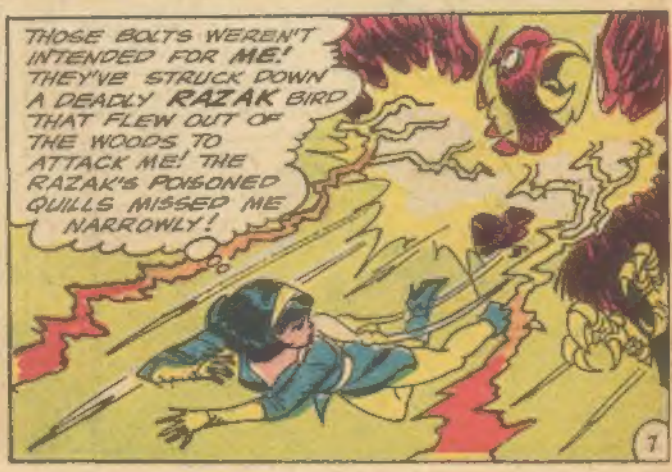
PRESENTLY...
SPLENDID! THE REPULSOR RAY IS HURLING THE BEAST INTO THE SKY!
NOW I'VE GOT TIME TO CREATE SOMETHING THAT'LL DESTROY THAT THING FOREVER, BEFORE IT LOCATES THE ZYMIUM!

SHORTLY...
I'M DOING AS YOU INSTRUCT, ADAM! BUT WHAT KIND OF MACHINE IS THIS?
DON'T DISTRACT ME WITH QUESTIONS! JUST DO AS I SAY! SWIFTLY, SWIFTLY! MANY WORLDS -- BILLIONS OF LIVES -- ARE AT STAKE!

MEANWHILE, AT THE SQUARE OF HEROES...
THE THING'S RETURNED! IT'S HEADING BACK TOWARD SARDATH'S LABORATORY!
I'VE GOT TO GET THERE TO WARN THEM!

MOMENTS AFTERWARD...
IT'S BLASTING BOLTS INTO THE CLEARING BELOW!

GREAT STARS! NOW IT'S STREAKING TOWARD ME, ATTACKING ME!


THOSE BOLTS WEREN'T INTENDED FOR ME! THEY'VE STRUCK DOWN A DEADLY RAZAK BIRD THAT FLEW OUT OF THE WOODS TO ATTACK ME! THE RAZAK'S POISONED QUILLS MISSED ME NARROWLY!

WHY SHOULD A MONSTER WANT TO SAVE ME? WAIT! THAT PATTERN IN THE WOODS BELOW! IT MUST'VE BEEN FORMED BY THE SPACE-CREATURE'S BOLTS JUST BEFORE! I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND!
MEANWHILE...
HURRY! THAT MONSTROUS BEAST IS DESCENDING--IT'LL KILL ADAM! MAYBE WE CAN HELP HIM!
MINUTES LATER, AS ADAM AND SARDATH EMERGE FROM THE LAB...
THIS WEAPON WILL DESTROY THE WORLD-DESTROYER CREATURE! I DON'T WANT ANY INNOCENT BYSTANDERS TO GET HURT SO... BACK, EVERYONE!
HOLD ON, MR HERO!
ARE YOU INSANE? Y-YOU RIPPED SOME WIRES LOOSE, INACTIVATING THE WEAPON!
EXACTLY, MY GREAT BIG CHAMPION OF RANN!
GO GET HIM! GET HIM!
NO!
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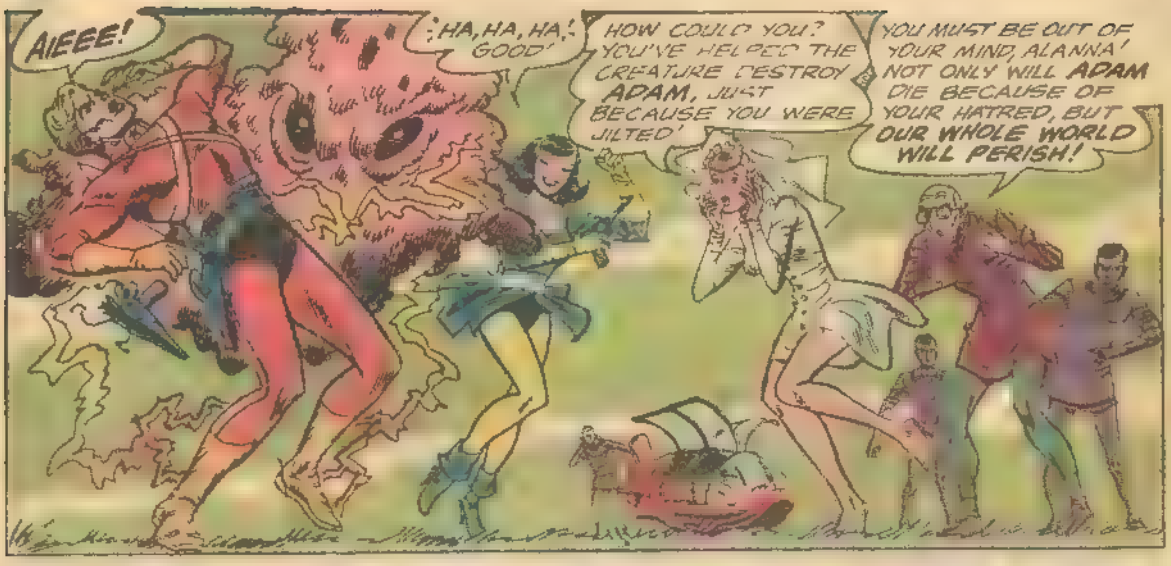
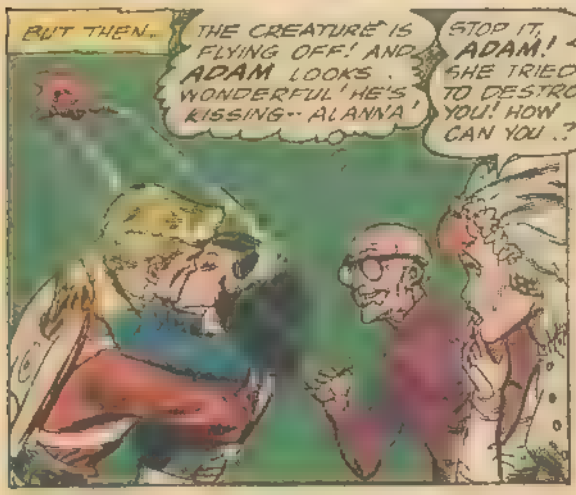
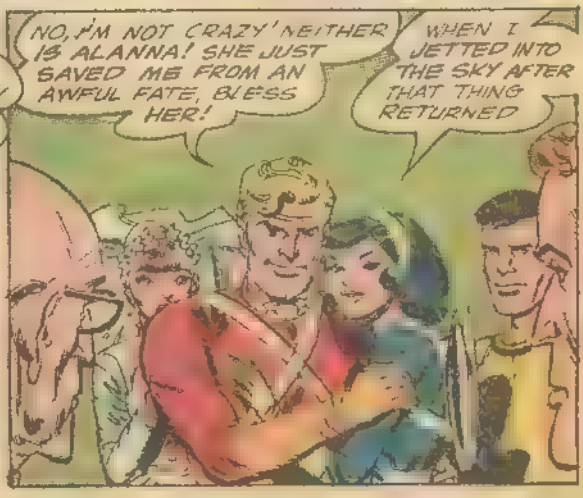
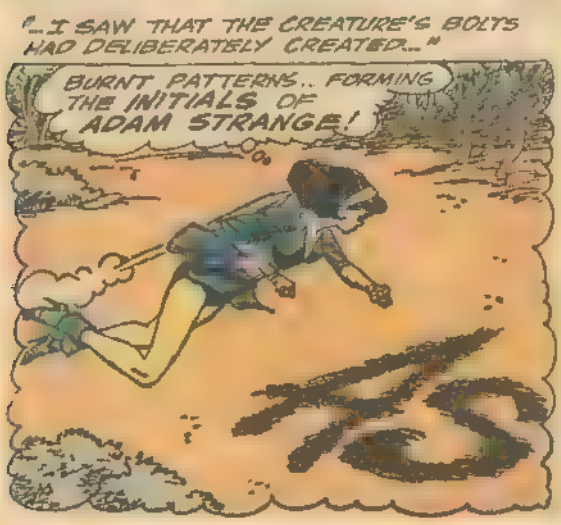
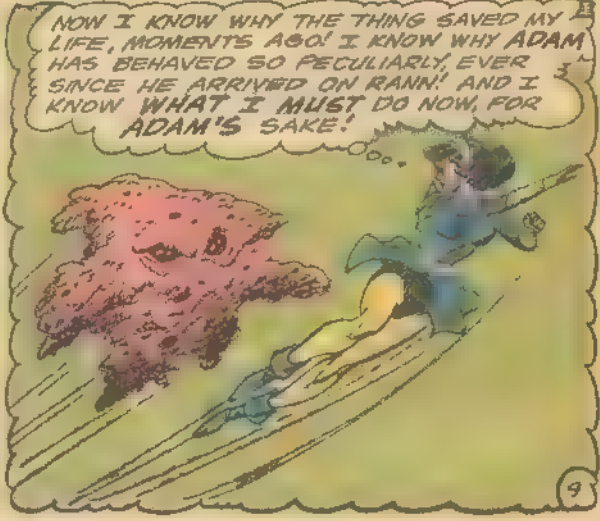

AIEEE!
:HA, HA, HA! GOOD'
HOW COULD YOU? YOU'VE HELPED THE CREATURE DESTROY ADAM, JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE JILTED'
YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR MIND, ALANNA' NOT ONLY WILL ADAM DIE BECAUSE OF YOUR HATRED, BUT OUR WHOLE WORLD WILL PERISH!


BUT THEN..
THE CREATURE IS FLYING OFF! AND ADAM LOOKS . WONDERFUL' HE'S KISSING-- ALANNA'
STOP IT, ADAM! SHE TRIED TO DESTROY YOU! HOW CAN YOU .?

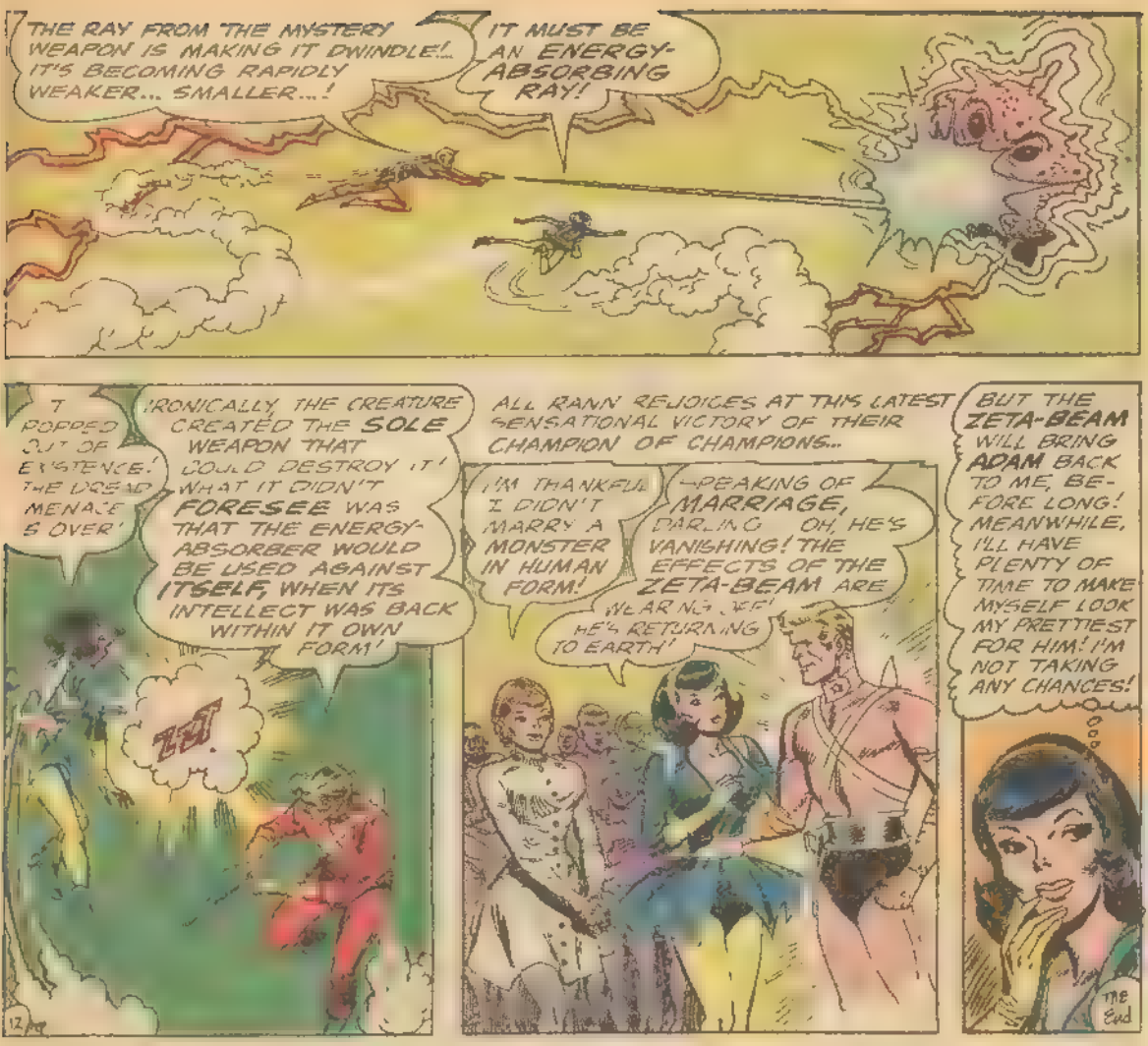

NO, I'M NOT CRAZY' NEITHER IS ALANNA! SHE JUST SAVED ME FROM AN AWFUL FATE, BLESS HER!
WHEN I JETTED INTO THE SKY AFTER THAT THING RETURNED

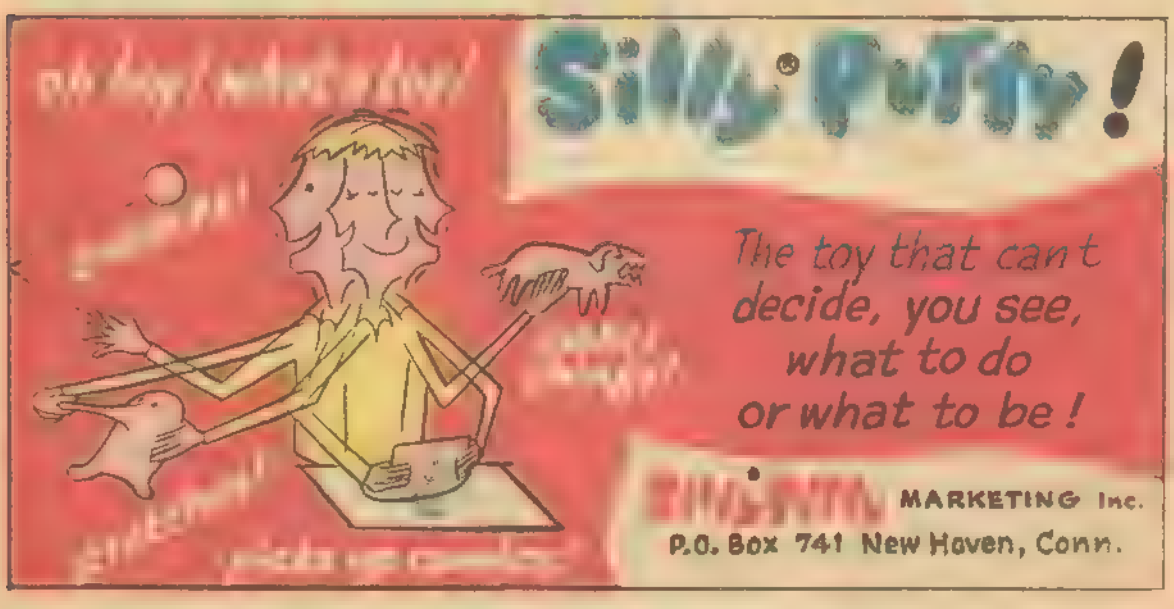

"..I SAW THAT THE CREATURE'S BOLTS HAD DELIBERATELY CREATED.."
BURNT PATTERNS.. FORMING THE INITIALS OF ADAM STRANGE!


NOW I KNOW WHY THE THING SAVED MY LIFE, MOMENTS AGO! I KNOW WHY ADAM HAS BEHAVED SO PECULIARLY, EVER SINCE HE ARRIVED ON RANN! AND I KNOW WHAT I MUST DO NOW, FOR ADAM'S SAKE!

ONCE YOU SAW THAT CLUE, YOUR INTUITION SUPPLIED THE ANSWER, ALANNA! YES, WHILE I WAS BEING TELEPORTED ACROSS 25 TRILLION MILES FROM EARTH TOWARD RANN, THE MOST FANTASTIC EVENT OF MY ENTIRE LIFETIME OCCURRED..
"BY AN AMAZING TWIST OF CHANCE, THE WORLD-DESTROYER CREATURE, IN SPACE, WAS ENGULFED BY THE ZETA-BEAM AT THE SAME SPLIT-INSTANT THE RAY WAS TELEPORTING ME ACROSS THE COSMOS... AND AN INCREDIBLE THING HAPPENED AS OUR DISASSEMBLED ATOMS CAME INTO CONTACT-
"OUR INTELLECTS WERE SWITCHED ACCIDENTALLY INTO EACH OTHER'S FORM! SOME UNKNOWN FACTOR HURTLED THE CREATURE-FORM WHICH NOW HAD MY MIND WITHIN IT, INTO ANOTHER SECTOR OF SPACE, WHERE..."
MY REFLECTION, ON THAT ANCIENT WRECKED SPACE-SHIP...! GREAT STARS! I, ADAM STRANGE, AM NOW.. A MONSTER!
"I HOPED TO GET HELP ON RANN! BUT WHEN I ARRIVED AND SAW 'ADAM' MARRYING SOMEONE OTHER THAN ALANNA I REALIZED WHAT MUST'VE HAPPENED-"
MUST STOP THAT WEDDING SOMEHOW AND OVERCOME THAT MONSTROUS IMPOSTOR!
THAT MONSTER IN MY ADAM STRANGE BODY FOILED MY ATTEMPT TO APPROACH AND TOUCH HIM! HE, LIKE MYSELF, MUST'VE SUSPECTED SUCH CONTACT WOULD REVERT OUR INTELLECTS BACK INTO OUR OWN FORMS! ALANNA GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY I NEEDED WHEN SHE PREVENTED HIM FROM USING THAT CREATURE-DESTROYING WEAPON!

UNTIL NOW, THERE WAS NO REAL THREAT AGAINST RANN! THAT CREATURE SIMPLY WANTED ITS INTELLECT TO REMAIN IN MY BODY! BUT NOW THAT IT'S BEEN THWARTED, IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO THE ZYMIUM MINES TO GENERATE ENOUGH POWER WITHIN ITSELF SO IT CAN EXPLODE RANN AND LIVE ON FOR SEVERAL MORE EONS!
THAT MUST NOT HAPPEN!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT! OUR SALVATION LIES IN THAT MYSTERY WEAPON IT CREATED WHILE IN MY BODY.
I'LL FIX THOSE WIRES I DAMAGED!
TENSE SECONDS LATER
OUR PRAYERS GO WITH YOU!
HURRY, ADAM, HURRY!
SHORTLY..
LOOK, ADAM! IT'S HOVERING ABOVE THE MINE--AND THE ZYMIUM RADIATION IT'S "FEEDING" ON HAS STRENGTHENED IT! ITS BOLTS ARE MUCH MORE POWERFUL! SOON, IT'LL BE MIGHTY ENOUGH TO EXPLODE RANN!
RIGHT NOW, IT'S TRYING TO BLAST US! DODGE!
THIS HAD BETTER WORK!


THE RAY FROM THE MYSTERY WEAPON IS MAKING IT DWINDLE!.. IT'S BECOMING RAPIDLY WEAKER... SMALLER...!
IT MUST BE AN ENERGY-ABSORBING RAY!
I POPPED OUT OF EXISTENCE! THE DREAD MENACE IS OVER!
IRONICALLY, THE CREATURE CREATED THE SOLE WEAPON THAT COULD DESTROY IT! WHAT IT DIDN'T FORESEE WAS THAT THE ENERGY-ABSORBER WOULD BE USED AGAINST ITSELF, WHEN ITS INTELLECT WAS BACK WITHIN IT OWN FORM!
YI
ALL RANN REJOICES AT THIS LATEST SENSATIONAL VICTORY OF THEIR CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS..
I'M THANKFUL I DIDN'T MARRY A MONSTER IN HUMAN FORM!
SPEAKING OF MARRIAGE, DARLING OH, HE'S VANISHING! THE EFFECTS OF THE ZETA-BEAM ARE WEARING OFF! HE'S RETURNING TO EARTH!
BUT THE ZETA-BEAM WILL BRING ADAM BACK TO ME, BEFORE LONG! MEANWHILE, I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO MAKE MYSELF LOOK MY PRETTIEST FOR HIM! I'M NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES!
THE END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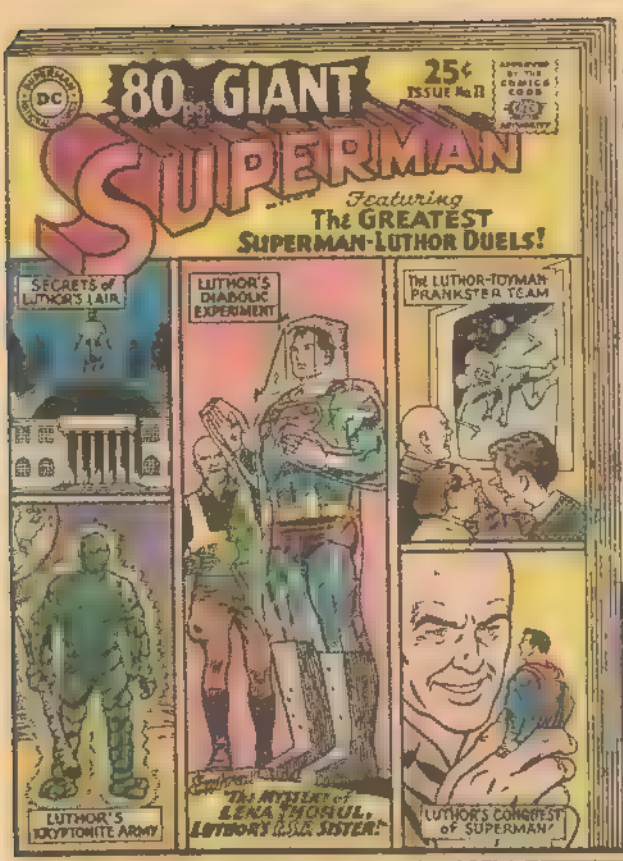

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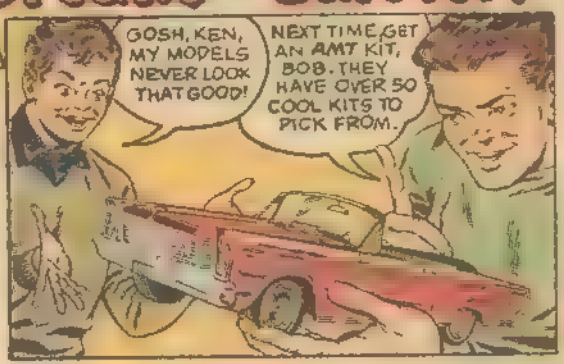

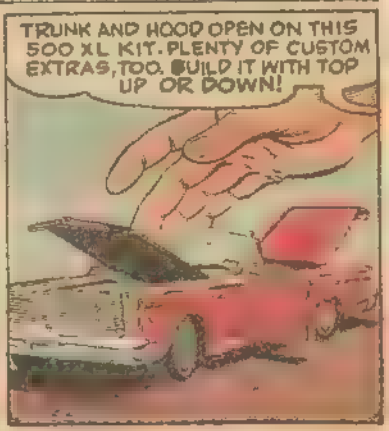

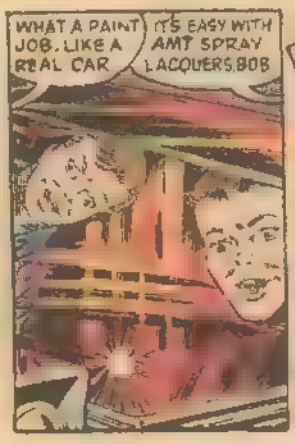

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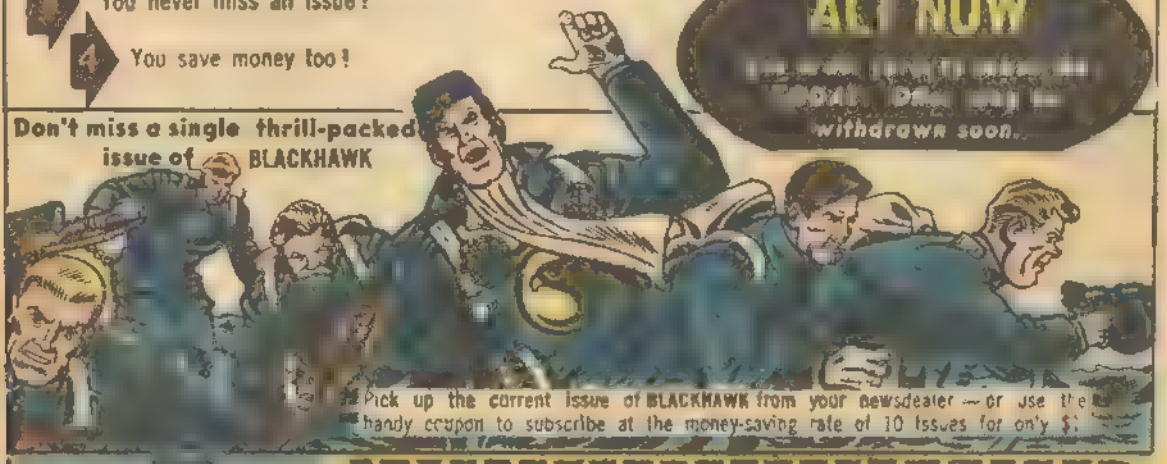

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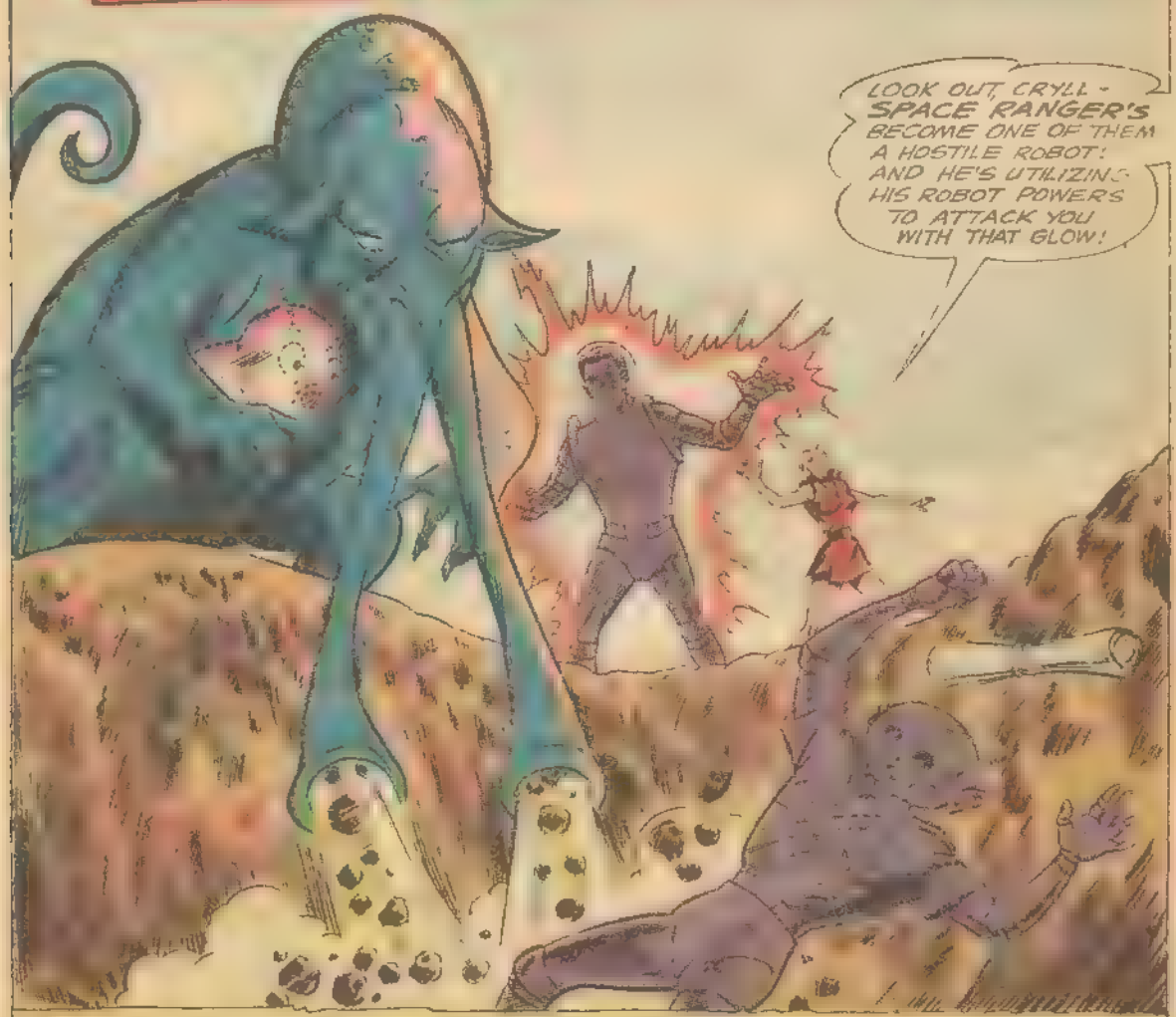
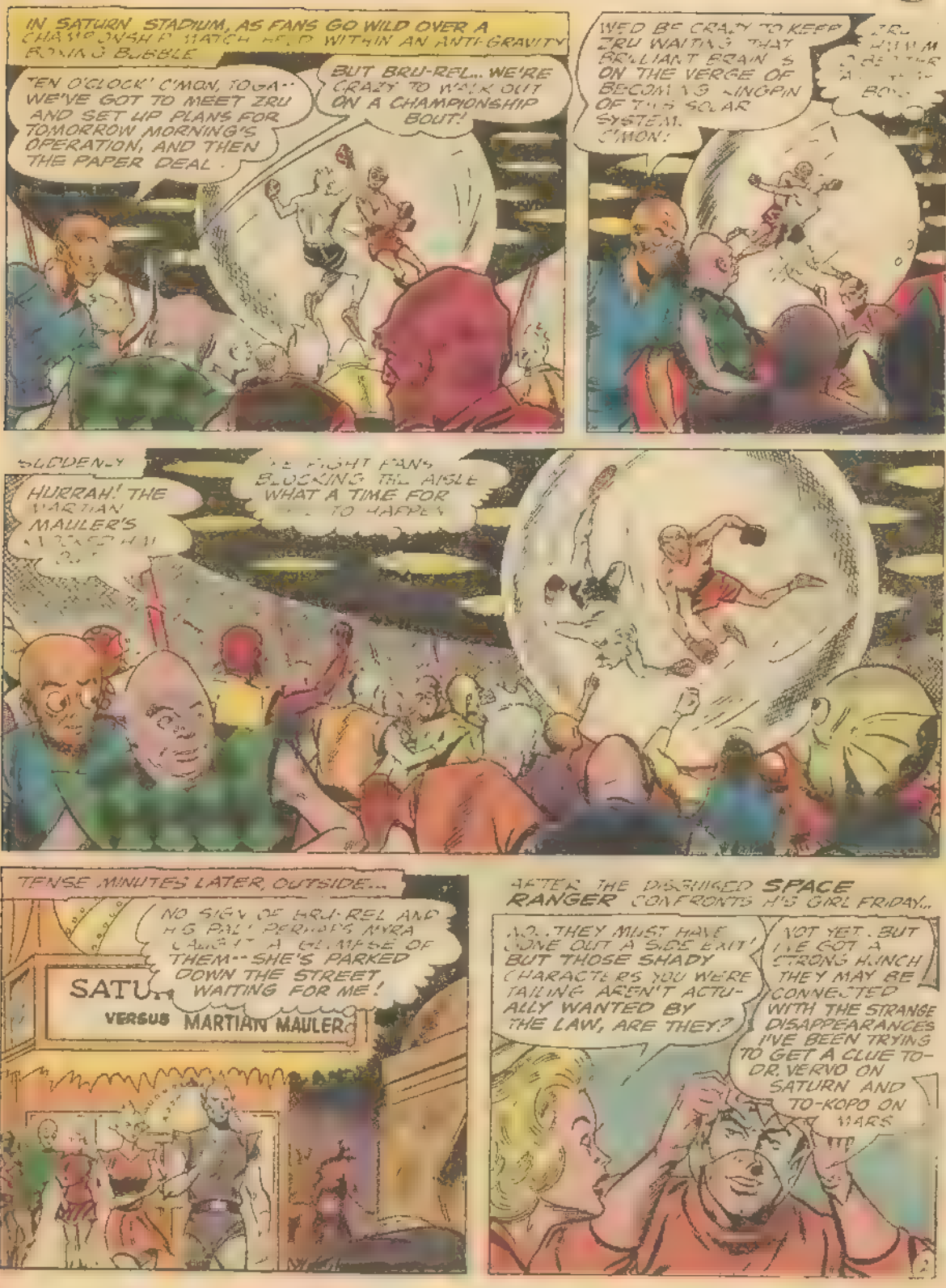
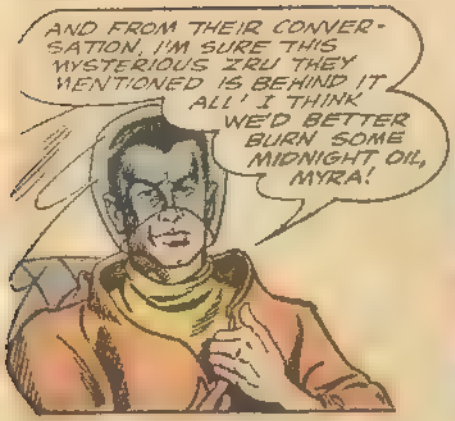

LOOK OUT, CRYLL - SPACE RANGER'S BECOME ONE OF THEM A HOSTILE ROBOT! AND HE'S UTILIZING HIS ROBOT POWERS TO ATTACK YOU WITH THAT GLOW!

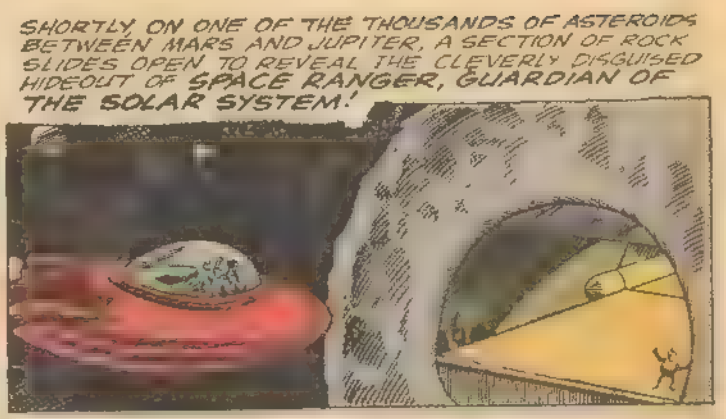
THE VICTIMS VANISHED ONLY TO REAPPEAR LATER ... SHOCKING METAL ROBOT FORMS AND THOUGH THEY WALKED AND TALKED AS THEY ALWAYS HAD, THEY WERE DIFFERENT - HOSTILE BEINGS NOW BENT ON THEFT AND DESTRUCTION AND SPACE RANGER, THE PLANET'S ALMOST - FOR WHEN HE SOUGHT TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE BIZARRE TRANSFORMATIONS HE ALSO BECAME ONE OF

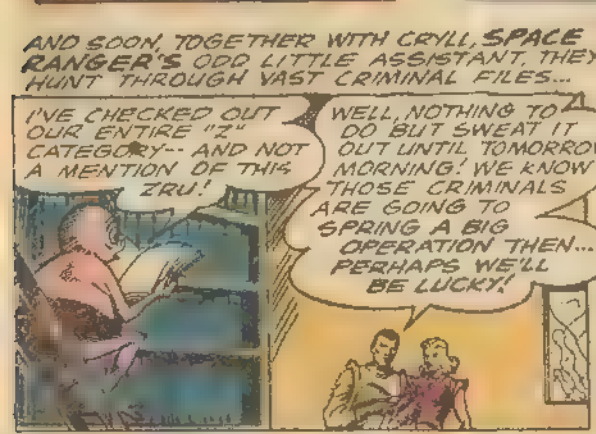
THE LIVING ROBOTS

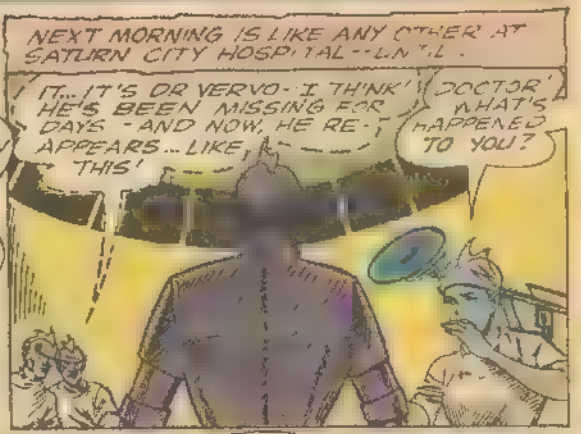

IN SATURN STADIUM, AS FANS GO WILD OVER A CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH HELD WITHIN AN ANTI-GRAVITY BOXING BUBBLE
"TEN O'CLOCK! C'MON, TOGA-- WE'VE GOT TO MEET ZRU AND SET UP PLANS FOR TOMORROW MORNING'S OPERATION, AND THEN THE PAPER DEAL."
BUT BRU-REL.. WE'RE CRAZY TO WALK OUT ON A CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT!
WE'D BE CRAZY TO KEEP ZRU WAITING! THAT BRILLIANT BRAIN IS ON THE VERGE OF BECOMING KINGPIN OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM. C'MON!
SUDDENLY
HURRAH! THE MARTIAN MAULER'S ATTACKED HIM!
THE FIGHT FANS BLOCKING THE AISLE WHAT A TIME FOR TO HAPPEN
TENSE MINUTES LATER, OUTSIDE...
NO SIGN OF BRU-REL AND HIS PAL! PERHAPS NYRA CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF THEM-- SHE'S PARKED DOWN THE STREET WAITING FOR ME!
SATU
VERSUS MARTIAN MAULER
AFTER THE DISGRUNTLED SPACE RANGER CONFRONTS HIS GIRL FRIDAY...
NO.. THEY MUST HAVE GONE OUT A SIDE EXIT! BUT THOSE SHADY CHARACTERS YOU WERE TAILING AREN'T ACTUALLY WANTED BY THE LAW, ARE THEY?
NOT YET. BUT I'VE GOT A STRONG HUNCH THEY MAY BE CONNECTED WITH THE STRANGE DISAPPEARANCES I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET A CLUE TO-- DR. VERVO ON SATURN AND TO-KOPO ON MARS

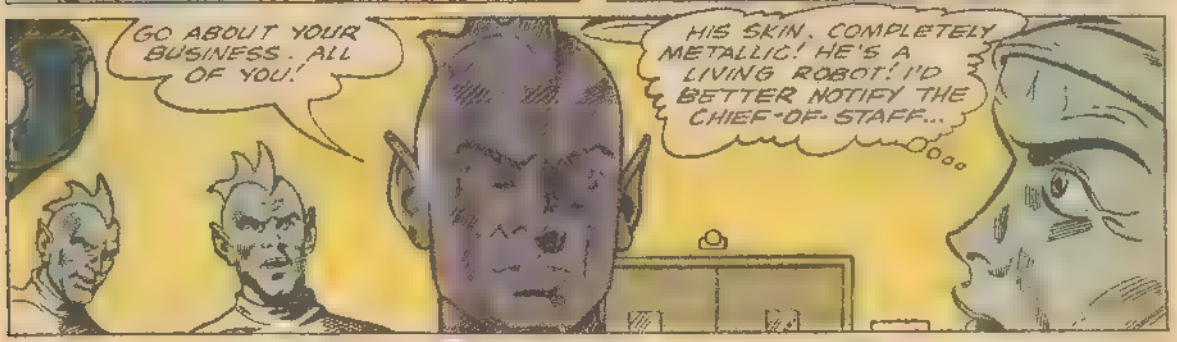
MYSTERY IN SPACE

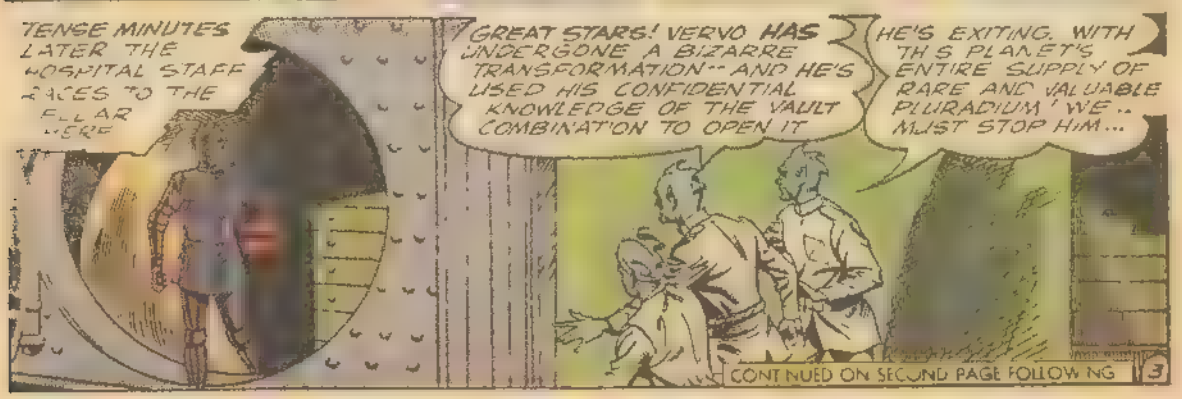

AND FROM THEIR CONVERSATION, I'M SURE THIS MYSTERIOUS ZRU THEY MENTIONED IS BEHIND IT ALL! I THINK WE'D BETTER BURN SOME MIDNIGHT OIL, MYRA!


SHORTLY ON ONE OF THE THOUSANDS OF ASTEROIDS BETWEEN MARS AND JUPITER, A SECTION OF ROCK SLIDES OPEN TO REVEAL THE CLEVERLY DISGUISED HIDEOUT OF SPACE RANGER, GUARDIAN OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM!


AND SOON, TOGETHER WITH CRYLL, SPACE RANGER'S ODD LITTLE ASSISTANT, THEY HUNT THROUGH VAST CRIMINAL FILES...
I'VE CHECKED OUT OUR ENTIRE "Z" CATEGORY-- AND NOT A MENTION OF THIS ZRU!
WELL, NOTHING TO DO BUT SWEAT IT OUT UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING! WE KNOW THOSE CRIMINALS ARE GOING TO SPRING A BIG OPERATION THEN... PERHAPS WE'LL BE LUCKY!


NEXT MORNING IS LIKE ANY OTHER AT SATURN CITY HOSPITAL--UNTIL.
IT... IT'S DR VERVO- I THINK! HE'S BEEN MISSING FOR DAYS - AND NOW, HE RE-APPEARS... LIKE, THIS!
DOCTOR! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?




TENSE MINUTES LATER THE HOSPITAL STAFF RACES TO THE CELLAR HERE
GREAT STARS! VERVO HAS UNDERGONE A BIZARRE TRANSFORMATION-- AND HE'S USED HIS CONFIDENTIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE VAULT COMBINATION TO OPEN IT
HE'S EXITING, WITH THIS PLANET'S ENTIRE SUPPLY OF RARE AND VALUABLE PLURADIUM! WE MUST STOP HIM...

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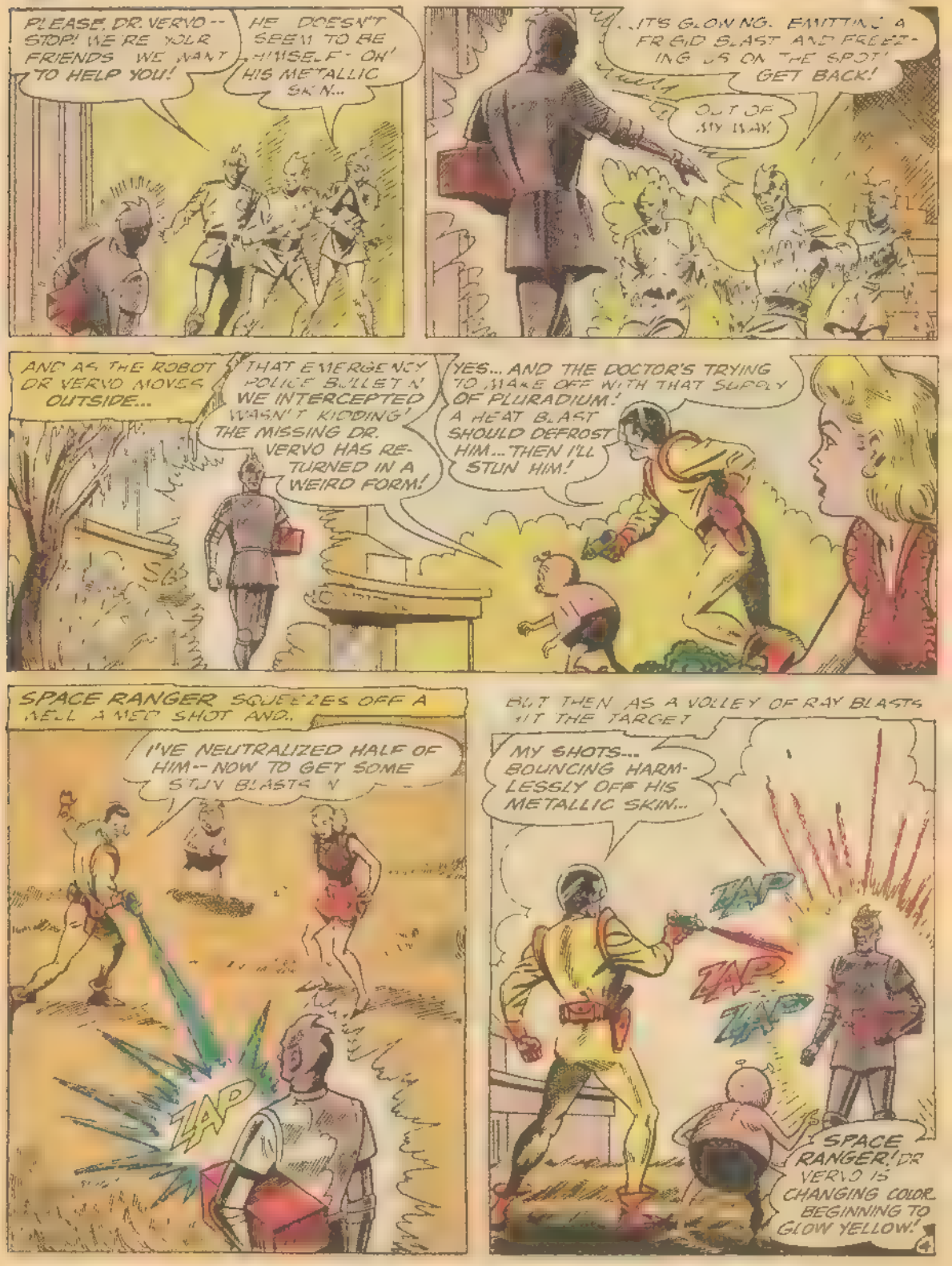
PLEASE, DR. VERVO -- STOP! WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS WE WANT TO HELP YOU!
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE HIMSELF - OH! HIS METALLIC SKIN...
IT'S GLOWING. EMITTING A FROZID BLAST AND FREEZING US ON THE SPOT! GET BACK!
OUT OF MY WAY.
AND AS THE ROBOT DR VERVO MOVES OUTSIDE...
THAT EMERGENCY POLICE BULLETIN WE INTERCEPTED WASN'T KIDDING! THE MISSING DR. VERVO HAS RETURNED IN A WEIRD FORM!
YES... AND THE DOCTOR'S TRYING TO MAKE OFF WITH THAT SUPPLY OF PLURADIUM! A HEAT BLAST SHOULD DEFROST HIM... THEN I'LL STUN HIM!
SPACE RANGER SQUEEZES OFF A WELL AIMED SHOT AND..
I'VE NEUTRALIZED HALF OF HIM -- NOW TO GET SOME STUN BLASTS IN
ZAP
BUT THEN AS A VOLLEY OF RAY BLASTS HIT THE TARGET
MY SHOTS... BOUNCING HARMLESSLY OFF HIS METALLIC SKIN...
ZAP
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ZAP
SPACE RANGER! DR VERVO IS CHANGING COLOR. BEGINNING TO GLOW YELLOW!
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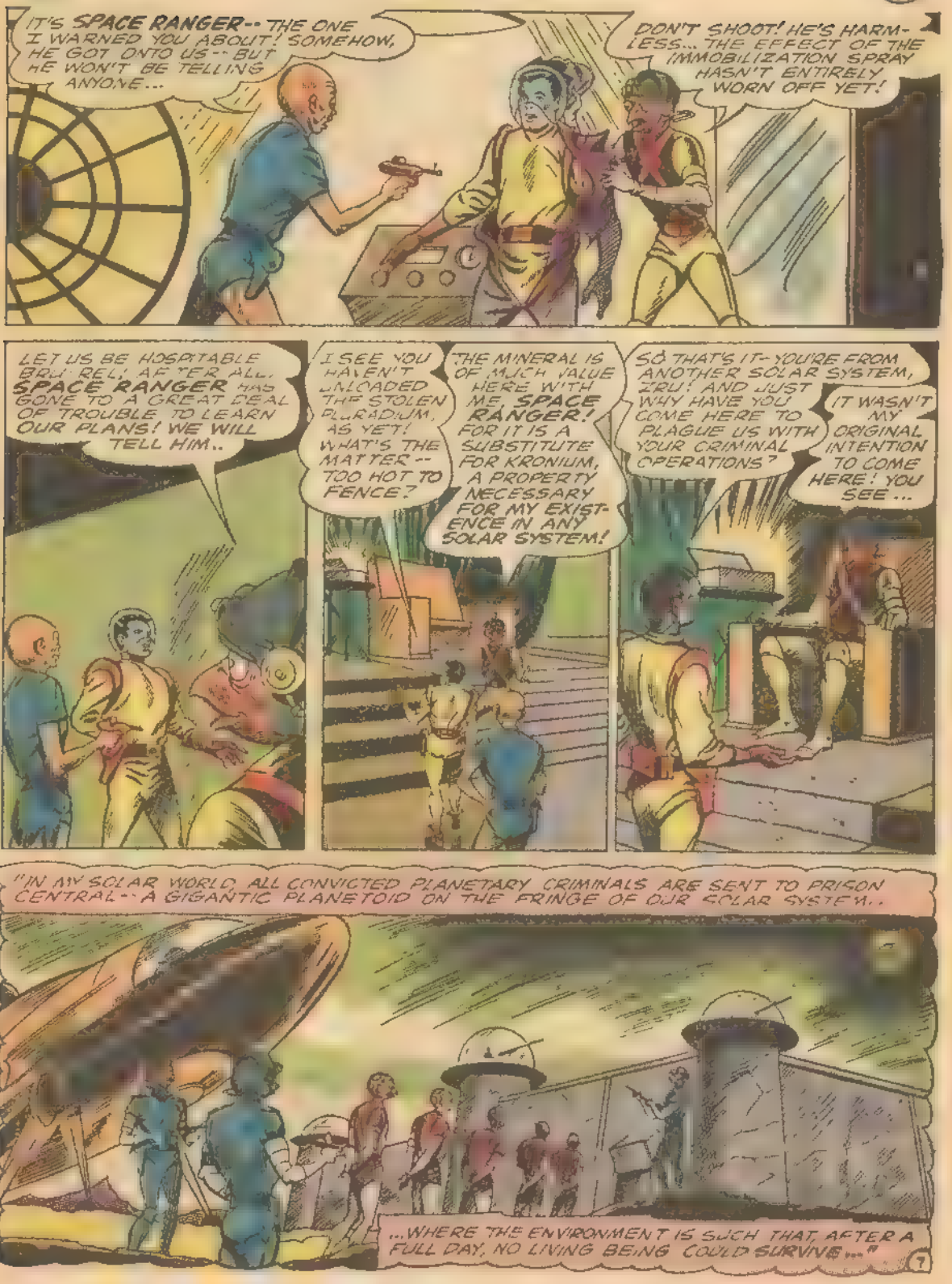
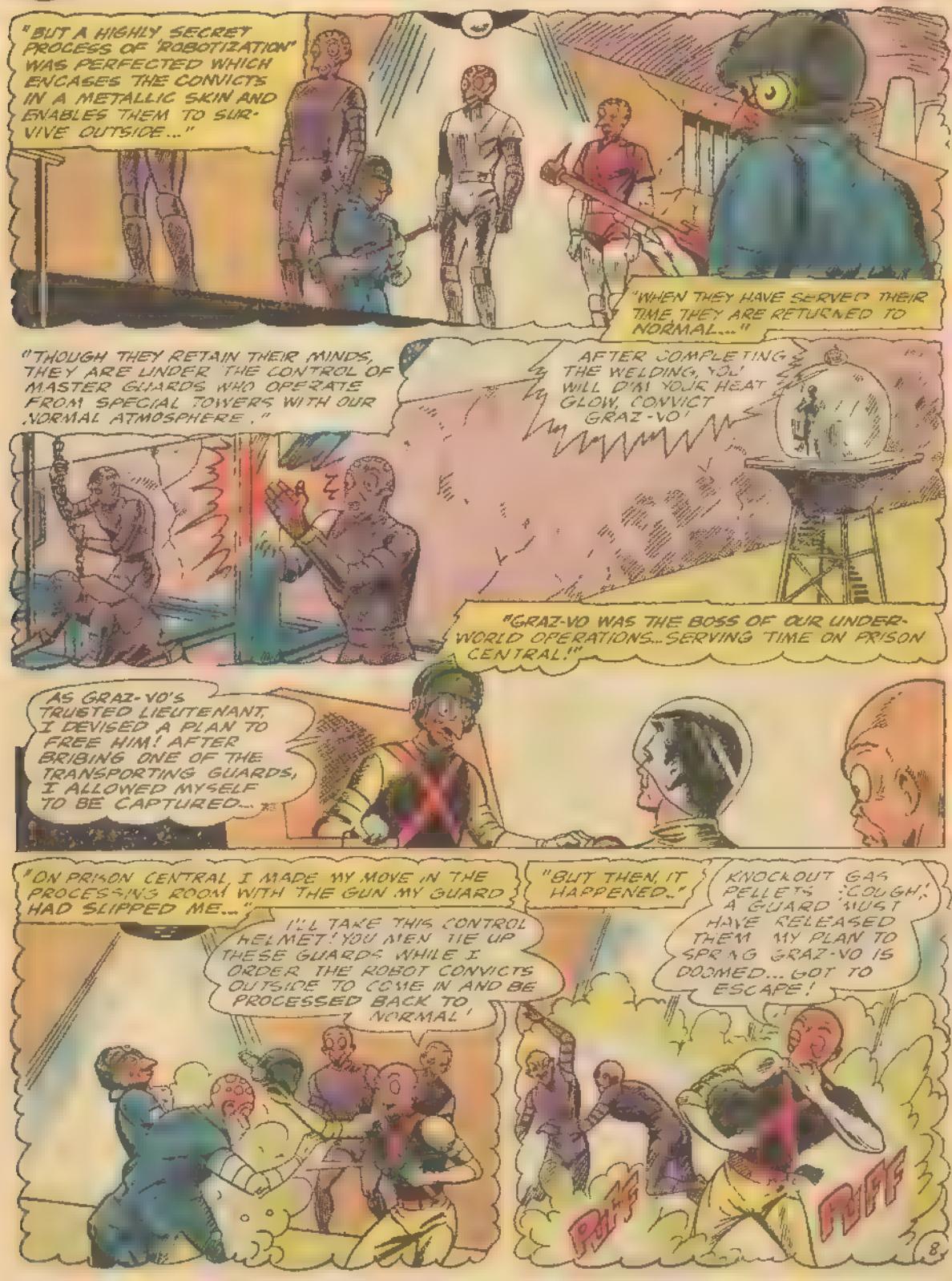
SUDDENLY
O-OH!
AN ELECTRICAL CHARGE FROM THAT GLOW... SHOCKED THE STARS OUT OF SPACE RANGER! MAYBE I CAN CAPTURE DR VERVO... AS A NON-CONDUCTIVE PLUTONIAN RUBBER WORM...
THE AMAZING LITTLE CRYLL BRINGS HIS INCREDIBLE POWERS OF TRANSFORMATION INTO PLAY, AND..
NOW I'LL NAIL H.M. HUH? WHERE DO THAT CRAZY SPACESHIP COME FROM?
SECONDS LATER...
THAT STRANGE BEING WITH BRU REL AND TOGA- IT MUST HAVE BEEN ZRU! NO DOUBT ABOUT IT NOW-- THOSE CHARACTERS ARE BEHIND THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCES!
IT'S FADING... VANISHING BEFORE MY VERY EYES.
AFTER CRYLL RETURNS TO NORMAL AND JOINS HIS TWO FRIENDS...
THEY UTILIZED THE CAPTURED DR VERVO TO STEAL THAT PLURADIUM FROM HIS OWN HOSPITAL... BUT WHY? AND WHAT HAS IT GOT TO DO WITH THE "PAPER DEAL" BRU-REL MENTIONED?
WAIT TO KAPO. THE MISSING MARTIAN WAS A MASTER ENGRAVER FOR THE INTERPLANETARY MINT! HMM-M.. I THINK I'VE HIT ON A LEAD! LET'S GET BACK TO OUR ASTEROID HQ!

NEXT DAY, IN A RURAL COMMUNITY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF JUPITER CITY...
SEE YOU TONIGHT, DEAR!
HERE'S MY TARGET... RIGHT ON TIME...
THEN, AS THE JOVIAN HEADS FOR THE COMMUTER AIR SHUTTLE...
THAT SMELL... IMMOBILIZATION FLUID! MUSCLES GOING LIMP... I'M HELPLESS..
HE'S ALL MINE! NOW TO HUSTLE JAR-NEE OFF THIS PLANET--FAST!
FOOSH!
MOMENTS LATER AS THE ROAR OF A SPACESHIP RATTLES THE NEARBY JAR-NEE HOME.
THERE BUT FOR SPACE RANGER, GO I! BUT WHY DID HE DISGUISE HIMSELF AS ME! AND HOW DID HE KNOW I WAS TO BE TAKEN CAPTIVE?
ANOTHER V.C.I.M. TO-KOPO OF MARS IS THE MASTER ENGRAVER OF THE INTER-PLANETARY MINT
..WHEN SPACE RANGER OVERHEARD THE CRIMINALS MENTIONING A "PAPER DEAL", HE SUSPECTED IT WAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PAPER CURRENCY USED BY THE MINT!
AND SINCE YOU DEVELOPED THE SECRET PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING THIS PAPER, JAR-NEE, YOU FIGURED TO BE THE NEXT VICTIM! IT'S ALL UP TO SPACE RANGER NOW...
SHORTLY, ON AN ASTEROID IN THE VAST SEA OF SPACE...
EXCELLENT.. I SEE YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED YOUR MISSION, BRU-REL! GUIDE OUR LATEST ARRIVAL THROUGH RECEPTION CENTER!
UNIVERSAL MINES
SO THIS IS THE GANG'S HQ--NOW, I'LL FIND OUT WHAT THEY'RE UP TO! BUT I'D FEEL BETTER IF I HAD CONTROL OF MY ACTIONS...
INSIDE THE UNEXPECTED SUDDENLY HAPPENS, AS...
MY X-RAY BOX SHOWS THAT JAR-NEE'S WEARING SECRETED HOLSTERS! WAIT! TWO FACIAL IMAGES! IT'S SOMEONE DISGUISED AS JAR-NEE!


IT'S SPACE RANGER -- THE ONE I WARNED YOU ABOUT! SOMEHOW, HE GOT ONTO US -- BUT HE WON'T BE TELLING ANYONE...
DON'T SHOOT! HE'S HARMLESS... THE EFFECT OF THE IMMOBILIZATION SPRAY HASN'T ENTIRELY WORN OFF YET!
LET US BE HOSPITABLE BRU' REL, AFTER ALL, SPACE RANGER HAS GONE TO A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE TO LEARN OUR PLANS! WE WILL TELL HIM..
I SEE YOU HAVEN'T UNLOADED THE STOLEN PLURADIUM, AS YET! WHAT'S THE MATTER -- TOO HOT TO FENCE?
THE MINERAL IS OF MUCH VALUE HERE WITH ME, SPACE RANGER! FOR IT IS A SUBSTITUTE FOR KRONIUM, A PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR MY EXISTENCE IN ANY SOLAR SYSTEM!
SO THAT'S IT -- YOU'RE FROM ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM, ZRU! AND JUST WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE TO PLAGUE US WITH YOUR CRIMINAL OPERATIONS?
IT WASN'T MY ORIGINAL INTENTION TO COME HERE! YOU SEE...
"IN MY SOLAR WORLD, ALL CONVICTED PLANETARY CRIMINALS ARE SENT TO PRISON CENTRAL -- A GIGANTIC PLANETOID ON THE FRINGE OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM..
...WHERE THE ENVIRONMENT IS SUCH THAT, AFTER A FULL DAY, NO LIVING BEING COULD SURVIVE..."


"BUT A HIGHLY SECRET PROCESS OF 'ROBOTIZATION' WAS PERFECTED WHICH ENCASES THE CONVICTS IN A METALLIC SKIN AND ENABLES THEM TO SURVIVE OUTSIDE..."
"WHEN THEY HAVE SERVED THEIR TIME THEY ARE RETURNED TO NORMAL..."
"THOUGH THEY RETAIN THEIR MINDS, THEY ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF MASTER GUARDS WHO OPERATE FROM SPECIAL TOWERS WITH OUR NORMAL ATMOSPHERE."
AFTER COMPLETING THE WELDING, YOU WILL DIE! YOUR HEAT GLOW, CONVICT GRAZ-VO!
"GRAZ-VO WAS THE BOSS OF OUR UNDERWORLD OPERATIONS...SERVING TIME ON PRISON CENTRAL!"
AS GRAZ-VO'S TRUSTED LIEUTENANT, I DEVISED A PLAN TO FREE HIM! AFTER BRIBING ONE OF THE TRANSPORTING GUARDS, I ALLOWED MYSELF TO BE CAPTURED...
"ON PRISON CENTRAL I MADE MY MOVE IN THE PROCESSING ROOM WITH THE GUN MY GUARD HAD SLIPPED ME..."
I'LL TAKE THIS CONTROL HELMET! YOU MEN TIE UP THESE GUARDS WHILE I ORDER THE ROBOT CONVICTS OUTSIDE TO COME IN AND BE PROCESSED BACK TO NORMAL!
"BUT THEN, IT HAPPENED..."
KNOCKOUT GAS PELLETS! COUGH! A GUARD MUST HAVE RELEASED THEM! MY PLAN TO SPRING GRAZ-VO IS DOOMED... GOT TO ESCAPE!
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"BUT BEFORE I FLED THE CHAMBER-"
WITH THIS ROBOTIZING BULB AND CONTROL HELMET, I'LL BE ABLE TO CREATE ROBOTS TO DO MY OWN BIDDING... COUGH! EVEN THOUGH I DON'T KNOW HOW TO RETURN THEM TO NORMAL
"FORTUNATELY, THE CONVICT TRANSPORT CRAFT OUTSIDE WAS NOT GUARDED."
WHERE CAN I GO? EVEN IF I MANAGE TO ESCAPE, THEY KNOW MY IDENTITY AND CAN TRACK ME DOWN VIA REMOTE CONTROL THROUGH MY PERSONALITY CODE CARD!
WHEN I DISCOVERED I COULD EXIST HERE IN YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM IN THE PRESENCE OF PLURADIUM, I ESTABLISHED MY HEADQUARTERS AND ENLISTED THE HELP OF BRU-REL AND HIS FRIEND TOGA!
AND YOU'VE PUT THAT BIZARRE ROBOT TUBE TO USE, "ROBOTIZING" THE INHABITANTS TO PLUNDER OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, EH?
MORE THAN THAT-- I INTEND TO BE SUPREME RULER HERE! FIRST I WILL GAIN GREAT WEALTH AND POWER- THE MARTIAN WILL ENGRAVE PLATES THAT WILL PRODUCE GENUINE CREDIT BILLS
EXCELLENT, TOGA! ONCE WE HAVE ROBOTIZED HIM, HE CAN OPEN THE MILITARY VAULT AND BRING US THE PLANETARY DEFENSE PLANS! COME. LET US GET TO WORK...
BRU! HERE HE IS- LARK! THE PLUTONIAN GENERAL!
WELL NOW THAT YOU'VE SATISFIED THIS KEEN CURIOSITY, LET ME BLAST HIM, BRU!
DESTROY YOUR GUARDIAN OF SPACE? DON'T BE A FOOL BRU-REL! WE WILL UTILIZE HIM AS A ROBOTIZED SPACE RANGER!
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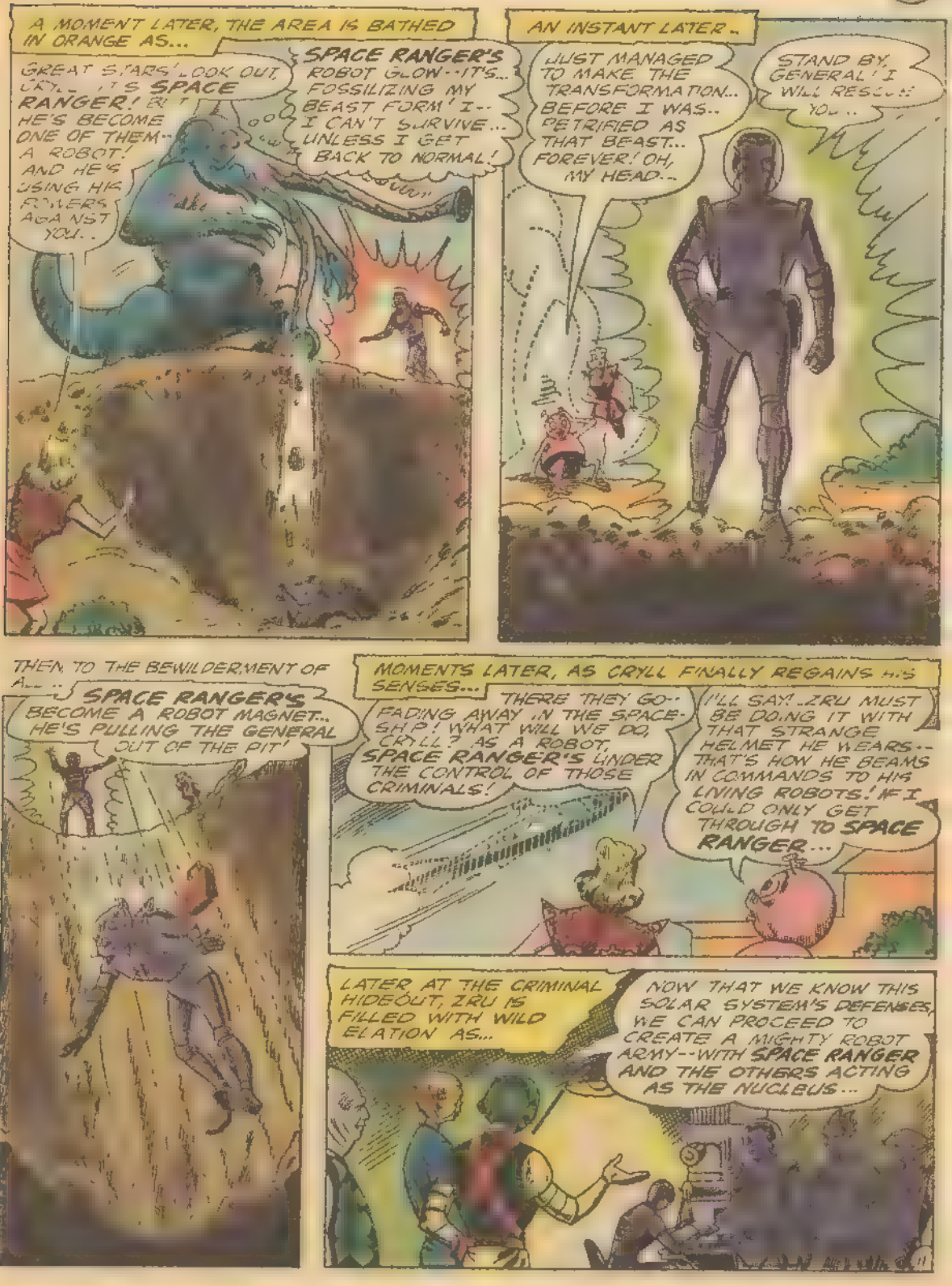
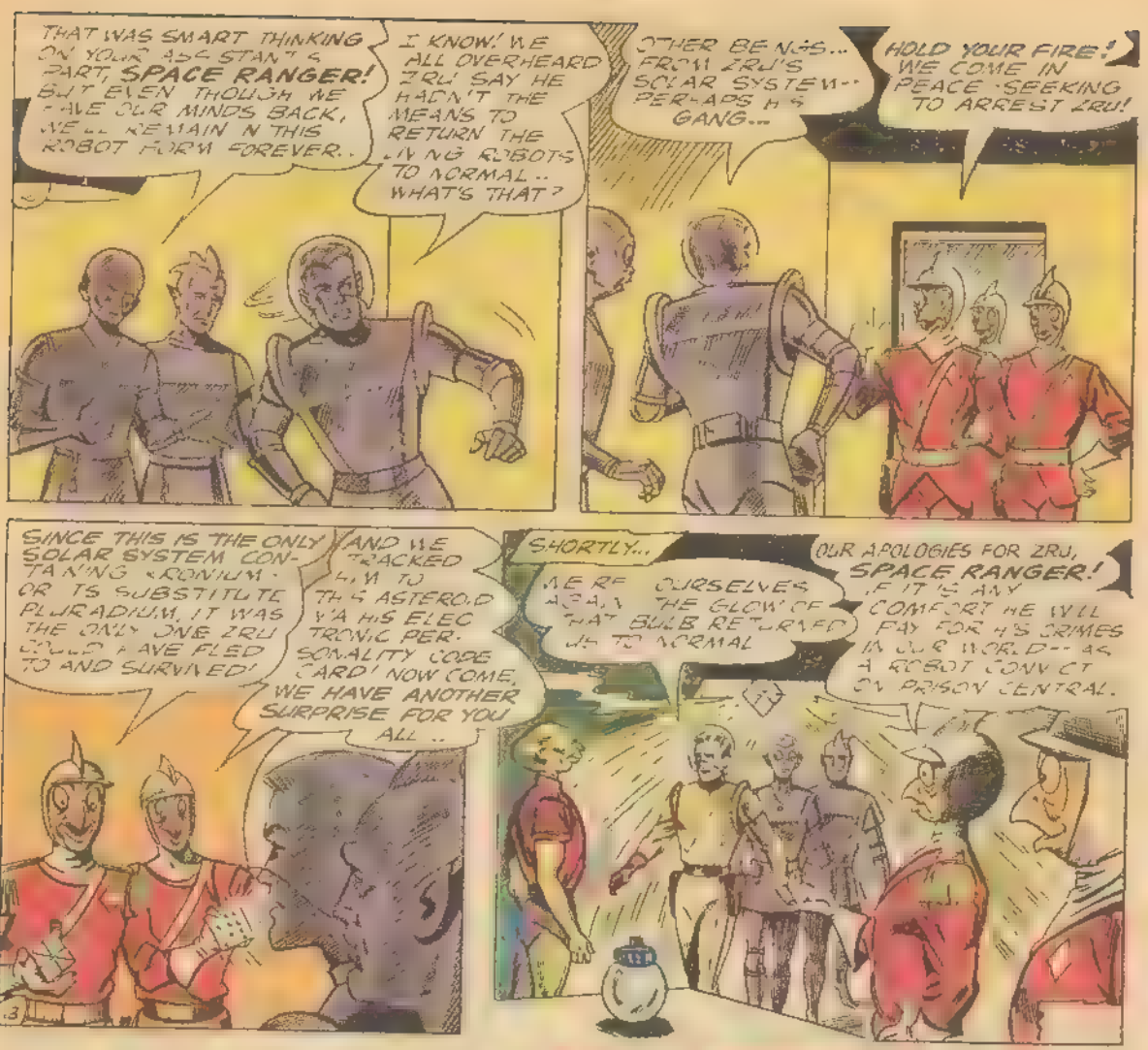
MOMENTS LATER, THE CAPTIVES ARE LINED UP AND MARCHED BENEATH THE INCREDIBLE BEAMS...
:HA, HA! NOW, NOTHING IN THIS SOLAR SYSTEM CAN STOP ME! FOR THE FAMED SPACE RANGER HAS BECOME MY ROBOT-- HE WILL BE GUARDIAN OF MY CRIME OPERATIONS!
HOURS LATER, AT INTER-PLANETARY MILITARY HEADQUARTERS ON PLUTO..
IT--IT'S GENERAL LARKI-- WITH A METALLIC SKIN. HE'S BEEN TRANSFORMED TO A ROBOT!
YOU ARE RIGHT! WE HAD BETTER NOTIFY OUR SUPERIOR...
TOP SECRET
TENSE MINUTES LATER, OUTSIDE THE MILITARY BUILDING...
GENERAL LARKI-- ROBOTIZED AND ESCAPING WITH TOP SECRET PLANS, CRYLL! SPACE RANGER'S HUNCH WAS RIGHT!..
YES, HE FIGURED THE NEXT PERSON TO VANISH WOULD REAPPEAR AS DR. VERVO DID! THAT'S WHY WE'VE BEEN WATCHING THIS PLACE...
CAN'T GET AT THE GENERAL THROUGH THAT PROTECTIVE YELLOW GLOW! BUT MAYBE I CAN STOP HIM AS A SATURNIAN EARTH-EATER..
AND AFTER CRYLL MAKES ANOTHER OF HIS AMAZING TRANSFORMATIONS
GLOW OR NO GLOW, THE ROBOT GENERAL WILL HAVE A ROUGH TIME CLIMBING OUT OF MY DEEP BEAST PIT...
SPACE RANGER-- ELIMINATE THE MENACE OF THAT BEAST AND RESCUE THE GENERAL!


A MOMENT LATER, THE AREA IS BATHED IN ORANGE AS...
GREAT STARS! LOOK OUT, CRYLL... IT'S SPACE RANGER! HE'S BECOME ONE OF THEM--A ROBOT! AND HE'S USING HIS POWERS AGAINST YOU..
SPACE RANGER'S ROBOT GLOW--IT'S... FOSSILIZING MY BEAST FORM! I--I CAN'T SURVIVE... UNLESS I GET BACK TO NORMAL!
AN INSTANT LATER..
JUST MANAGED TO MAKE THE TRANSFORMATION... BEFORE I WAS.. PETRIFIED AS THAT BEAST.. FOREVER! OH, MY HEAD..
STAND BY, GENERAL! I WILL RESCUE YOU..
THEN, TO THE BEWILDERMENT OF ALL..
SPACE RANGER'S BECOME A ROBOT MAGNET.. HE'S PULLING THE GENERAL OUT OF THE PIT!
MOMENTS LATER, AS CRYLL FINALLY REGAINS HIS SENSES...
THERE THEY GO--FADING AWAY IN THE SPACE-SHIP! WHAT WILL WE DO, CRYLL? AS A ROBOT, SPACE RANGER'S UNDER THE CONTROL OF THOSE CRIMINALS!
I'LL SAY..ZRU MUST BE DOING IT WITH THAT STRANGE HELMET HE WEARS--THAT'S HOW HE BEAMS IN COMMANDS TO HIS LIVING ROBOTS! IF I COULD ONLY GET THROUGH TO SPACE RANGER...
LATER AT THE CRIMINAL HIDEOUT, ZRU IS FILLED WITH WILD ELATION AS...
NOW THAT WE KNOW THIS SOLAR SYSTEM'S DEFENSES, WE CAN PROCEED TO CREATE A MIGHTY ROBOT ARMY--WITH SPACE RANGER AND THE OTHERS ACTING AS THE NUCLEUS...

HURRY WITH THOSE PLATES, TO-KAPO! I'LL NEED PLENTY OF MONEY TO FINANCE MY PLANS! IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE I'LL BE KING OF THE...
CLINK, ZRU--DOING LIFE!
SPACE RANGER! HE'S GONE INTO ACTION ON HIS OWN!
AND NOW THAT ZRU IS NO LONGER WEARING THE HELMET, THE OTHERS HAVE CONTROL OF THEIR OWN SENSES!
AND THAT'S ALL WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF THESE CRIMINALS, SPACE RANGER!
SECONDS LATER, AS THE LIVING ROBOTS TAKE OVER...
YOU CAN TELL US NOW SPACE RANGER--HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO BREAK ZRU'S POWER OVER YOUR MIND TO ATTACK HIM?
I DIDN'T, GENERAL! YOU SEE, AS A MERCURIAN TELEPATHIC MONKEY MY LITTLE ASSISTANT CRYLL CAN CONTACT ME OVER LONG DISTANCES
"I RECEIVED HIS TRANSMISSION WHILE WE WERE REMAINING IDLE, AT ATTENTION, HERE AT THE HIDEOUT..."
SPACE RANGER! WHEREVER YOU ARE, TURN AND ATTACK ZRU! REMOVE THE ROBOT HELMET FROM HIS HEAD.
"REMOVE THE ROBOT HELMET FROM HIS HEAD!" IT'S CRYLL! HE'S GOTTEN THROUGH TO ME WHILE ZRU'S CONTROL OVER ME WAS NOT ACTIVE!


THAT WAS SMART THINKING ON YOUR ABSTANT'S PART, SPACE RANGER! BUT EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE OUR MINDS BACK, WE'LL REMAIN IN THIS ROBOT FORM FOREVER..
I KNOW! WE ALL OVERHEARD ZRU SAY HE HADN'T THE MEANS TO RETURN THE LIVING ROBOTS TO NORMAL.. WHAT'S THAT?
OTHER BEINGS... FROM ZRU'S SOLAR SYSTEM-- PERHAPS HIS GANG...
HOLD YOUR FIRE! WE COME IN PEACE SEEKING TO ARREST ZRU!
SINCE THIS IS THE ONLY SOLAR SYSTEM CONTAINING KRONIUM OR ITS SUBSTITUTE PLURADIUM, IT WAS THE ONLY ONE ZRU COULD HAVE FLED TO AND SURVIVED!
AND WE TRACKED HIM TO THIS ASTEROID VIA HIS ELECTRONIC PERSONALITY CODE CARD! NOW COME, WE HAVE ANOTHER SURPRISE FOR YOU ALL..
SHORTLY...
MERE OURSELVES AGAIN, THE GLOW OF THAT BULB RETURNED IT TO NORMAL
OUR APOLOGIES FOR ZRU, SPACE RANGER! IF IT'S ANY COMFORT HE WILL PAY FOR HIS CRIMES IN OUR WORLD-- AS A ROBOT CONVICT ON PRISON CENTRAL.

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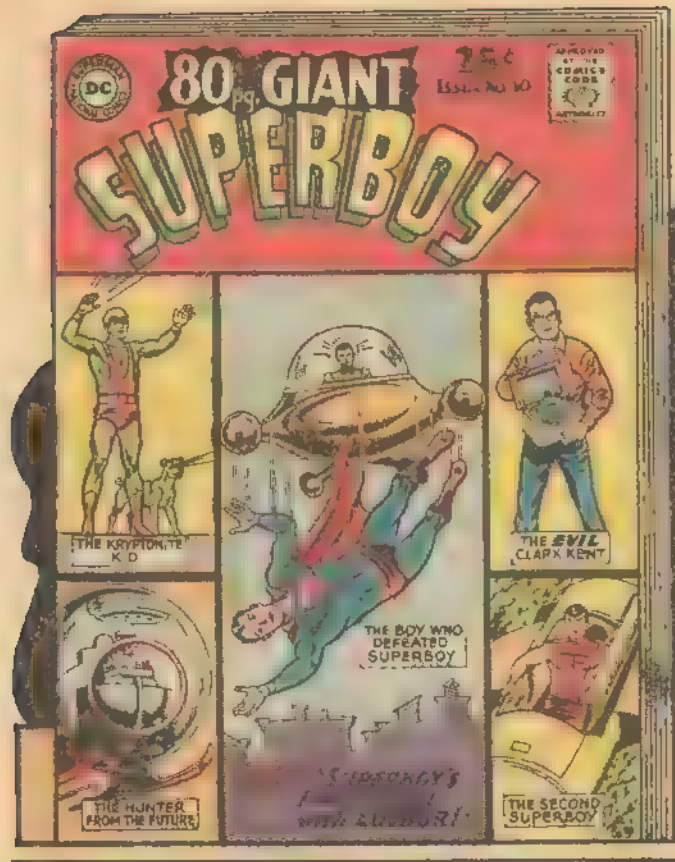

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Astronomers are always listening in to the radio waves that reach earth from all directions of the universe. Signals from two unknown sources that are considered unusual are labeled CTA-21 and CTA-102. Astronomers do not know what they are, or where they come from. But their wavelengths are sufficiently different from those emanating from natural phenomena to be worthy of special study.

In October, 1964, Nikolai S. Kardashev, a famous Soviet astronomer, announced his belief that the radio beacons were being broadcast by intelligent beings from some far-distant planet.

How did the world's astronomers react to this astonishing statement? Believe it or not, most of them nodded in agreement. They declared that during the past 15 years or so, they have become more and more convinced that there exist other intelligences in the far reaches of space.

This belief is based upon the probable number of planets more or less exactly like our own, as to distance from their own suns, rotation, climate, etc. What is that number? Well, revolving around the 135 *billion* stars in our own Milky Way, there are estimated to be 640 million "earthlike" planets scattered throughout *our* galaxy, alone. This, of course, does not take into account the many billions of other galaxies in the universe!

Astronomers today flatly declare that these earthlike planets could bear life, similar or identical to ours. And that is why special attention is being given to the unknown signals from space!

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What is considered the most remarkable navigational feat ever performed on earth? Columbus' discovery of the American continent? No, it is the feat performed annually by—the green turtle!

A project to study the amazing navigational ability of these turtles is now being conducted by Dr. Archie Carr, professor of zoology at the University of Florida, supported by the Navy and the National Science Foundation.

Already, some fantastic feats have been reported. Under particular study is a tribe of turtles that breeds on Ascension Island, which is nothing but a tiny rock in the mid-Atlantic. There, Dr. Carr and his co-workers tagged 206 turtles.

Through the use of these tags, it was revealed that the turtles, after leaving the island, spent two or three years living on seaweed off the South American coast. Then, they swam back more than 1,000 miles to lay their eggs on the beach of the island where they were born. The investigators are still trying to find out how they managed to hit Ascension Island right on the nose!

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Beginning at about 3,000 years ago and continuing up to the year 1, there lived on our continent, along the Mississippi River and its tributaries, a strange race of people about whom hardly anything is known. They possessed no written language, apparently, but they left behind them thousands of earthworks in the form of perfect squares, perfect circles, perfect squares within circles, polygons with absolutely equal sides, ellipses, long lines in exact parallel, sweeping arcs in parallel, rhomboids, and perfectly proportioned magnifications of natural shapes. No one knows who these people were, and where they came from. When and if this is ever learned, it will make one of the most vital archeological discoveries of all time.

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